

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are presently active; Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 10 have been presently amended.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami (U.S. Pat. No. 6,886,083).

Firstly, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Peyton to interview this case on November 15, 2005 during which time the issues in the Office Action were discussed.

As clarified, the present invention defines an interface circuit having a buffer *in the reading unit* that reads data from a plurality of sectors from a card-type memory. The interface circuit has a receiver that receives from an electronic device a read-access control command for data stored in the buffer.

The outstanding Office Action associates the command input buffer 301 in Figure 8 with the buffer of the interface circuit of the present invention. However, as discussed during the interview and as seen from Figure 8 of Murakami, buffer 301 is a buffer in the data line receiving a USB command (e.g., a command to read the data from the security device). There are no buffers shown in Murakami for storing data transferred from the security device. As seen in Figure 1 of Murakami, the only storage devices for storing data other than command data reside in the host apparatus 11 and security disk 13. Data read from the SD memory card 13 in Murakami is directly read to the host apparatus 11 without storage in the SD card adapter 12.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 5, and 9 and the claims dependent therefrom patentably define over Murakami.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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